

# Lucayan Archipelago

The **Lucayan Archipelago** (named for the original native Lucayan people), also known as the **Bahama Archipelago**, is an island group comprising the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the British Overseas Territory of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The archipelago is in the western North Atlantic Ocean, north of Cuba along with the other Antilles, and east and southeast of Florida.

William Keegan writes that the Bahama archipelago includes the territories of both the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands, adding: "Modern political considerations aside, the islands form a single archipelago with common geological, ecological, and cultural roots."<sup>[1]</sup> The Lucayan Archipelago does not border the Caribbean Sea, however, the Lucayan Archipelago still falls within the Caribbean region.

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## Proposed federation

In 2010 the leaders of The Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands discussed the possibility of forming a federation.<sup>[2]</sup>

## Countries and territories

- The Bahamas
- Turks and Caicos Islands (United Kingdom)

The Mouchoir Bank, the Silver Bank, and the Navidad Bank are a submerged continuation of the archipelago in the southeast, as are the Turks and Caicos Islands.<sup>[3]</sup> While Mouchoir Bank belongs to the Turks and Caicos Islands, Silver Bank and Navidad Bank are part of the Dominican Republic.

## See also

- List of islands of the Lucayan Archipelago

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Coordinates: <span><span><span><span><span>23.74°N</span> <span>75.37°W</span></span></span><span><span>﻿</span> / <span>﻿</span></span><span><span></span></span></span></span>	
Region	West Indies
Countries and territories	2
Area	
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Total	14,308 <span> </span> km <sup>2</sup> (5,524 <span> </span> sq <span> </span> mi)
Population <span>(2016)</span>	
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Total	443,000
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Density	24.6/km <sup>2</sup> (64/sq <span> </span> mi)
Demonym(s)	Bahamian, Turks Islander, Caicos Islander
Time zone	UTC−5 (EST)
<span> </span> • <span> </span> Summer (DST)	UTC−4 (EDT)

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## Notes

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